GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING FROM NEPAL
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the number of incidents of smuggling from Nepal;

(b) if so, the details of items confiscated at the Indo-Nepal Border during 2006 and 2007, till date;

(c) the number of smugglers and Maoists arrested in these incidents; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to check the rising incidents of smuggling at the Border?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI S. REGUPATHY)
(a) The interceptions and recoveries by SSB, deployed on India-Nepal border indicate that there has been increase in the number of incidents of smuggling.

(b) & (c) The details are given in the Annexure.

(d) Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), deployed as a Border Guarding Force on the India-Nepal border, conducts intensified patrolling and use the services of trained dog squads. All the border outposts of SSB on the India-Nepal border have been put on alert. SSB has also been asked to work in close coordination with the Governments of States having border with Nepal to check entry of undesirable elements. India and Nepal have bilateral mechanisms to resolve the incidents of smuggling at border.